

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Action/Consent Item:**

Amended District Facility Plan: Jefferson County School District

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 157.420 (4), KRS 157.622, KRS 157.620, 702 KAR 4:180

### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the amended District Facility Plan (DFP) for the above listed Kentucky school district?

### **History/Background:**

#### ***Existing Policy for Amended DFPs.***

KRS 157.420 requires that the capital outlay and Facilities Support Program of Kentucky (Building Fund) allotment from the public school funds are to be used by school districts for capital construction projects defined by the district's long range facility plan (702 KAR 4:180).

KRS 157.620 requires each school district to establish unmet facility needs (equal the sum of all capital construction priorities from the district facility plan less local available revenue) to participate in the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) Offer of Assistance.

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) shall approve all District Facility Plans submitted by the local school district upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Education. The amendment hearing report for Jefferson County is attached.

### **Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale:**

Staff recommends that the KBE approve the proposed amended District Facility Plan for Jefferson County. The plan is in accordance with state law and regulation.

### **Impact on Getting to Proficiency**

In Standard 4 of the Standards and Indicators for School Improvement it is noted that the school's physical environment has an impact on student achievement. Research also indicates that better facilities enhance equity (equal opportunities for all students), attitudes and retention of staff, and parental involvement.

## **Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses**

Public forums and a local public hearing were held in the school district. The plan was approved by the required bodies by majority vote.

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**Commissioner of Education**

### **Date:**

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